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Public Service Commission Clerk's Office PO Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

Re: SCE&G Rate Increase Request

**Attention Public Service Commission:** 

We would like to let my objections to the proposed rate increase that SCE&G has requested via the Public Service Commission.

My husband and I are strongly against any increase at this time and are amazed at the audacity of this company proposing such an increase, when this country is in the midst of a recession and most people are already struggling to pay their utility bills and actually have to choose between having their service shut off or putting food on their tables, or purchasing needed medicines. This especially unbelievable when SCE&G are making record breaking profits annually.

Wouldn't it be more prudent to forego this increase and consider a break for their consumers? The extra monies in the pockets of the consumers would allow them to stimulate the economy by making purchases that at this time cannot do.

Once again we object to any amount of rate increase at this time or in the near future.

Sincerely.

Rebecca and Joseph McHale Joseph T. M. Hale

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